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| Title:      | Multipurpose Construction | ) |        |
|             | Assembly and Method       | ) |        |
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**AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of June 19, 2006 (hereinafter the "Office Action"). Applicant respectfully amends claims 1 through 19 and adds claims 20. Applicant further respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of this application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103.

The amended claims are made after an interview on July 12, 2006 with the Examiner in this case. During this interview, the several points of novelty found in this application were discussed along with the scope of the examination search. To reiterate, the points of novelty of the present invention, include, but are not limited to the novel and unobvious combination of novel and known elements that are nowhere demonstrated in the prior art cited.

To comply with the instructions of the Examiner during the interview, Applicant has amended the independent claims to represent a generic embodiment which covers all of the novel